in consultation with the other concerned agencies like the DESU, WS and SDU etc. Who are involved in the development of land and provision of infrastructure. As soon as the scheme is finalised applications for allotment of land from these soc'eties 'will be invited through an advertisement in the press. It will not be possible to say at this stage as to when the allotment will be made about the number of societies that will be covered.

Impact of export Import Policy of Foodgraln on Agricultural Production

2255. SHRJ ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the impact of the proposed import-export policy of foodgrains for 1988—91 on agricultural products in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL TURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): Im port-Export policy for 1989—91 so far as it relates to agricultural products is based on pragmatic considerations. Government has finalised proposals for irriport of two million tonnes of wheat and seven lakh tonnes of rice during the current year. These imports have been resorted to in order to replenish buffer stocks. This i_s in addition- to small quantities of foodgrains being imported by World Food Programme—a UN affency for distribution in projects being assisted by WFP. About six lakh tonnes of maize fe also being imported.

These imports do not affect agricultural production in the country. In Jact, for the year 1988-89, a higher target of 166 million tonnes for food-,grains production has been fixed.

Production ana Import of Rte

2256. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH ttANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 5l piven in the Rajya Sabha on the 99th 1988 and state:

(a) the total production of rice during the last two years;

(b) whether the rice production ia not adequate to meet the demand; and

(c) if so, the reasons for which Government propose to import the rice?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a> The all-India production of rice dur-ing the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 has been estimated at 60.42 million tonnes and 55.78 million tonnes (Provisional) respectively.

(b) There has been shortfall in the rice production during the year 1&87-88.

(c) Imports have been made to replenish the buffer stocks.

Problem of Slum in Urban areas

2257. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a press news-item captioned "Urban areas may turn slums" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 14th July, 1086;

(b) whether the experts in the field of urbanisation have expressed that the country will be reduced to a big slum by 2000 A.D. unless aggressive process is persugd; and

(c) the reaction $_0$f Government in thi$_s$ regard?